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Israel

Begin Interview, Speech -- If the Palestinian autonomy talks are not held in Jerusalem, Israel will refuse to meet anywhere else, Prime Minister Menahem Begin said in an interview reported by Jerusalem radio. Begin also revealed that the government will shortly submit to the Knesset a motion ruling that settlements will never again be uprooted. He said he is seeking opposition support for this proposal.

Regarding the situation in Lebanon, the Israeli leader said that time and again he is reminded of his statement last year that either Philip Habib secures the removal of Syria's surface-to-air missiles from Lebanon or Israel will remove them itself. Asserting that Israel is still capable of destroying the missiles within a few hours, Begin said that had the SAM's prevented Israeli aircraft from taking photographs, Israel would have destroyed them. However, the missiles are not bothering the Israelis, but are merely causing difficulties, which the air force has surmounted. Noting that Israeli planes overfly Lebanon every day to take photographs, Begin said this does not constitute a violation of the cease-fire.

If the terrorists attack us again, Begin warned, Israel will deal them a much more serious blow than the recent air raid. If they shell Israeli settlements and civilians, Israel will consider entering Lebanon to destroy the PLO's infrastructure. Begin revealed that the United States had exercised all the means at its disposal to warn the Palestinians not to attack Israel in the wake of the air force's "marvelous operation" against terrorist bases on 21 April.

In an Independence Day speech to the nation broadcast by the radio, Begin stressed that Israel evacuated the Sinai of its own free will, not as a defeated nation, but as a victorious one. Commending the IDF for its bloodless evacuation of Yamit, Begin forgave those opponents of the withdrawal who "made mistakes, erred, even misled, even incited."

Asserting that there are grounds to hope that Egypt has left the cycle of war against Israel for a long, long time, Begin said the U.S. military presence in the Sinai guarantees freedom of shipping in the Straits of Tiran. He noted that Egypt and the United States have renewed their commitment to conduct Palestinian autonomy negotiations, but emphasized that under no circumstances will Israel grant the Palestinian a state or self-determination, which would jeopardize Israel's security.

Alignment on Begin Proposal; New Settlements -- The Alignment's reaction team has rejected Begin's proposal that the Knesset pass a motion against the removal of settlements, Jerusalem radio reported. Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency Settlement Department submitted to the government a plan for 20 new settlements in Samaria, Judaea and south of Jerusalem, the radio noted.

West Bank, Gaza Disturbances -- An IDF soldier and two Arab youths were injured during a riot in the Nabulus Casbah, Jerusalem radio reported. The IDF dispersed rioting youths in the Gaza District, according to ITIM.

Eytan Interview -- Chief of Staff Lt Gen Refa'el Eytan said in a Jerusalem television interview that the recent air force raid on terrorist targets was striking and impressive, completely destroying three bases and causing many casualties. Two Syrian MiG-23's were downed by F-16's for the first time in history. Confirming that the IDF will emphasize qualitative improvements rather than quantitative growth in the future, Eytan said the air force and the armored corps will nevertheless experience a modest growth in size.

Jordan

King Husayn Speech -- One of the most cherished aspirations of the Arabs is to see the Arab nation, including Egypt and all noble Arab countries, resume its unified march and continue its mission in support of justice until all Arab territory, including Jerusalem, is returned to the Arabs, King Husayn said in a speech, broadcast live by Amman radio, inaugurating the third National Consultative Council. Israel is in a race with time and events to create a status quo and to surprise Arabs, Muslims and the whole world by annexing the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Husayn remarked earlier in the speech. The village leagues are just a new chapter in this tragedy which Israel is exploiting to give "false legality" to its aggression and occupation, to break the international isolation which threatens it, to sidestep the UN resolutions and to obstruct any international effort based on these resolutions. Commenting on the Iran-Iraq war and Jordan's clear stand in support of Iraq, Husayn said Jordan is pained to see some Arabs stand by Iran and provide it with weapons and money.

Weapons Request -- U.S Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger stated that Jordan will submit a request asking the United States to supply Jordan with weapons, Amman radio reported.

PLO

There will be a "gradual and cautious" change in the direction of Egypt returning to the Arab fold and in a normalization between Cairo and the PLO, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat predicted in an interview published on 23 April by the FRG paper DIE ZEIT. Everything will depend on the Egyptians themselves, including "the opposition forces," he added.

Egypt

Interior Minister Hasan Abu Basha announced the release of 353 persons who had been detained under the emergency law, MENA reported.

Lebanon

In a statement broadcast by Beirut radio, Muslim leaders in Beirut called for a general strike on 28 April to protest the assassination of Shaykh Ahmad 'Assaf. Voice of Lebanon radio opined that 'Assaf's opposition to the establishment of local councils in west Beirut was the primary reason for his assassination.

Iraq

Syria's decision to stop the flow of Iraqi oil through its territory is equivalent to sending 10 Syrian military divisions to fight on the side of the Iranians, President Saddam Husayn asserted at a meeting with Kuwaiti newspaper editors, KUNA reported. Husayn criticized Arab silence on the Syrian decision, but stressed that it would not affect Iraq. The president expressed doubt that Washington and Moscow wish to end the Iran-Iraq war. The Soviet Union and the United States say they wish to end the war, but words are one thing and real intentions are something else, he added.

Iran

Ayatollah Kazem Shari'atmadari's son-in-law, Ahmad Abbasi, revealed new facts linking Saudi Arabia with the recent coup plot, Tehran radio reported citing a Tehran television interview. According to Abbasi, Mehdi Mahdavi, one of the participants in the plot, said he had met with King Khalid's brother 'Abdallah who told him Saudi Arabia is prepared to cooperate with the new regime. Abbasi said Mahdavi also mentioned that the Saudi regime would allow Shari'atmadari to go to Saudi Arabia provided he would engage in intensive activities against Iran, the radio added.

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'ABDOL QADER SPEAKS ON REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

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[Speech by Gen 'Abdol Qader, acting minister of defense, on 27 April at the parade grounds in Kabul on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the April Revolution -- recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Esteemed Comrade Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council and the supreme commander of the heroic and proud Armed Forces of Afghanistan; soldiers, NCC's, officers, generals, comrades and honorable compatriots of revolutionary Afghanistan; toilers of all nationalities, tribes and ethnic groups of our free, independent and proud homeland; friends and respected foreign guests: First, I present to you my warmest and most sincere congratulations on behalf of the Afghan Armed Forces on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of glorious April Revolution.

We celebrate the fourth anniversary of the April Revolution under circumstances in which great victories have been achieved by the revolution and people. (?The formation) of a united and collective system to defend the revolution and people, composed of the army, border forces, sarandoy, security organs, revolution defense groups and voluntary tribal groups, have dealt fatal and decisive blows at the major positions of the enemies of the honor and pride of our people, the enemies of the freedom and independence of our homeland. The counterrevolutionary elements have been crushed and popular power is being consolidated in all provinces and parts of the country.

The new development stage of the April Revolution, the phase of the salvation of the revolution and people, has brought about great changes for the toiling masses of Afghanistan. It has created grounds for a social base, popular power and unity of all progressive forces around the party, the PDPA. It has consolidated the independence of our country and has provided suitable conditions for profound social, economic and cultural changes and the satisfaction and prosperity of our people.

The PDPA national conference has defined the present task of the national democratic revolution on the basis of a scientific study of the social and economic conditions of Afghanistan and has specified the important and responsible duty of the armed forces in maintaining lasting peace on the national (?level). The PDPA action plan and the resolutions of the party national conference open clear and bright horizons before every toiling individual of our country.

The daily-increasing successes of the April Revolution has angered U.S. imperialism, Chinese hegemony, regional reaction and their international collaborators. They are crazily continuing the undeclared war against revolutionary Afghanistan. The stationing of the forces of U.S. imperialism in the Indian Ocean, Gulf and Pakistan has seriously endangered the countries of the region and world peace. Therefore, our revolutionary party and government consider the continuous strengthening of the armed forces for safeguarding the gains of the April Revolution, our national independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty as its most important tasks. As Babrak Karmal said in his speech to the Seventh PDPA Central Committee Plenum: The enhancement of the militant and political readiness of all categories of the military; and the all-round improvement of the party and political work with personnel in the armed forces and sarandoy, is a central question in strengthening the DRA Armed Forces. Our heroic armed forces, with the selfless aid of the great Soviet Union, are better equipped and stronger today than ever before. The revolutionary discipline, professional and political consciousness and the combat readiness and professional skill of the troops, NCO's and officers have been raised to high levels and are developing further every day. No power in revolutionary Afghanistan [as heard] or in the world has the (?power) to break the determination of our awakened people in renewing the revolution.

Our people in their just and right struggle against internal and external counterrevolutionaries are not alone. Our brother country the great USSR, this strong (?fortress) of freedom and prosperity; socialist countries; international workers movements; national liberation movements and all progressive humanity are with us. Our heroic armed forces look with gratitude at the internationalist and selfless help of the great USSR; we will never forget this assistance. We assure the free and heroic people of Afghanistan, the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council and personally you Babrak Karmal that the armed forces staff, with high combat readiness and political consciousness, will annihilate and eliminate the vestiges of counterrevolutionaries. The armed forces troops, NCO's and officers, by expressing self-sacrifice to the party and people, are ready to defend the gains of the April Revolution and the independence and national sovereignty of the DRA.

Long live the glorious April Revolution! Long live the people of Afghanistan and their proud armed forces! Long live the PDPA, this leading force of the society! Forward toward prospering, beloved revolutionary Afghanistan!

USSR'S MAKEYEV SPEAKS ON REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

LD272108 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Speech by Valentin Makeyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, in Kabul; Makeyev speaks in Russian with Dari translation superimposed; date not given -- recorded]

[Text] Dear friends, first of all allow me to express my hearty thanks for the invitation extended to the Soviet party and Government to take part in the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the April Revolution. We have (?accepted) your invitation with gratitude and sincere feelings.

Allow me on behalf of the Soviet people, the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the Soviet Government, to present the most sincere congratulations to the PDPA, the Revolutionary Council and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and all the people of Afghanistan on the occasion of your national celebration. With profound satisfaction I carry out the (?instructions) of Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, and Comrade N. Tikhonov, chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, and convey their sincere regards and best wishes to Babrak Karmal and Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand personally, and to all Politburo members, the PDPA Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council, the DRA Government and to all the friendly people of Afghanistan.

Four years ago the national-democratic antifeudal revolution was brought to victory by the will of the working people of Afghanistan under the leadership of your proud party. The revolution opened the way for the construction of a new society, the (?consolidation) of independence and national freedom for the Afghan people. The April Revolution is a gigantic step from backwardness toward progress, development and all-round prosperity and its victory provided all necessary conditions for the solution of all socioeconomic problems in the interest of the Afghan working people.

During the new stage of the April Revolution the PDPA and the DRA Government have accomplished much toward solving the socioeconomic problems of the revolution, toward enhancing the living standards of the people and the development of culture with consideration for national traditions and customs. The sovereignty of the popular state is being strengthened from day to day and the representatives of various strata of society join the ranks of active builders of the country from day to day. The plan to further stabilize the situation in the country is being successfully implemented and all individuals of the country are participating in solving daily socioeconomic problems.

The profound social changes which are occurring in your country have unbreakable links with the leading role of the PDPA and its great constructive activity in society.

During the new stage, the party was able to overcome those problems which it faced, to unite its ranks and to coordinate all the people and patriotic forces of society in defense of the homeland and the revolution.

The PDPA national conference which was convened a while ago and which appointed the party general secretary and which determined the general policy of the party leadership toward revolutionary changes, is considered the most important event in the history of the country. It (?secured) more than ever before the broad and daily-increasing support of the national and patriotic forces of the country in defense of the homeland and the revolution, in building a new society in accordance with the principles of progress, social justice and the fight against foreign interference.

These activities of the PDPA which [word indistinct] of the indefatigable efforts of the party leadership toward maintaining an atmosphere of good understanding in its ranks and the goal [as heard] of organizational and ideological legality, broadening the party ranks and consolidating party discipline, is going ahead successfully, as is the enhancement of ideological and political work. Improvement of the standard of party cadres as well as seeking more improved and developed methods of political work among the people, had special (?influence).

The celebration of the fourth anniversary of the April Revolution is being held under such circumstances when international imperialism and its collaborators have unleashed a cruel war against the popular regime and the legal government of your country with the help of internal reaction and infiltrated gangs. With their aggressive aims they continue the undeclared war against Afghanistan. They want to return the country to its feudalist past: to make the free and independent country submit to alien imperialist forces. [Words indistinct] hostile and organized resistance and (?confrontation) and patriotic forces of the country, at the head of which is the PDPA (?are working for) unity.

The CPSU and all our people, pursuing the ancient and traditional friendship between Afghanistan and the USSR and in consideration of the principles of international solidarity, resolutely support the people of Afghanistan in building a new society. The Soviet people, who are engaged in great constructive work toward implementing the resolutions of the 26th CPSU Congress, welcome with pleasure the victories of the people of Afghanistan and the revolutionary changes in the country which respect national traditions and customs.

After the victory of the April Revolution, relations between Afghanistan and the USSR achieved a new content and have been transformed into fraternal relations and revolutionary solidarity. This was reflected in the treaty on friendship and good neighborliness.

As was mentioned in the telegrams from Comrades L.I. Brezhnev and N. Tikhonov to the leader of the Afghan party and Government and to all the Afghan people, the Soviet Union will continue to assist the DRA in developing its economy and national culture, in struggle against armed aggression and other kinds of imperialist interferences from abroad, and in maintaining and justly stabilizing the political situation around Afghanistan.

Allow me once again to wish the PDPA, the Revolutionary Council, the DRA Government and all the comrades and dear friends, further successes for the prosperity and well-being of the friendly Afghan people in building a new society, in defending the gains of the April Revolution.

Long live friendship and solidarity between the CPSU and PDPA!

Let friendship between the Soviet peoples and the people of the DRA be strong and developing!

KARMAL SENDS GREETINGS TO SOVIET LEADERS

GF280510 Kabul in English to South Asia 1530 GMT 27 Apr 82

["Text" of acknowledgement message sent by Babrak Karmal and Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand to the leaders of the USSR]

[Text] Comrade Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CCCPSU) and President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR; and Comrade Nikolay Aleksandrovich Tikhonov, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR: On behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (CCPDPA), Revolutionary Council and Government of the DRA, all the people of Afghanistan, and on our own behalf, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Sawr Revolution [words indistinct] warm and friendly words to the CCPDPA, Revolutionary Council and Government of DRA, and the people of Afghanistan, as manifestation of your (?constant care and consideration) to the (?aims of) our national democratic revolution in constructing a new society in the DRA. We express our deep appreciation for your (?right) evaluation of the role of the PDPA in normalizing the situation in the country and in carrying out basic social and economic (?plans and) missions for the benefit of the vast [word indistinct] of the people. Without that (?certain) evaluation is an important motive for all our subsequent activities in the realization of the decisions taken by the countrywide conference of PDPA which was recently convened. The Politburo of the CCPDPA, Revolutionary Council and Government of DRA will make all efforts to achieve great successes in pursuance of the decisions in consolidation of [word indistinct] with the masses of the people, unite national progressive and patriotic forces, and their mobilization during the active struggle against the imperialist intervention and the (?eradication) of the counterrevolution. As the [words indistinct] of the national democratic revolution in Afghanistan the relations between our countries have become full of new qualitative contacts and have turned into relations of our revolutionary [word indistinct] solidarity, and all-sided cooperation.

The expansion of these relations is an important factor in the consolidation of the independence of Afghanistan and serves the cause of peace and security in Asia. The basic principles of Afghan-Soviet relations and an (?unshakable) friendship between the people of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union has been reflected in the treaty of friendship [word indistinct] cooperation [words indistinct] the people of Afghanistan welcome with feelings of satisfaction the valuable and all kinds of assistances rendered to them by the Soviet people in constructing a new life and defending (?national) independence in the (?center) and provinces of the DRA.

We consider this assistance as the high manifestation of revolutionary and internationalistic (?fraternity) and solidarity of the great country of Vladimir I. Lenin, with the revolution and people of Afghanistan.

We wish for the fraternal people of the Soviet Union, the CPSU, the Soviet Government, and personally for you distinguished comrades for the successes in your noble endeavor in the implementation of your high and [word indistinct] program of [words indistinct] of the CPSU and in the struggle of the reduction of [words indistinct] overall state security and progress in the world.

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the CCPDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of DRA

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN AMRITSAR; ONE KILLED

BK280330 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Union Home Minister Zail Singh and Industry Minister N.D. Tiwari have arrived in Amritsar to assess the situation there. Punjab Chief Minister Darbara Singh also reached Amritsar yesterday evening. One person was killed in Amritsar yesterday and about half a dozen injured when police opened fire to disperse a violent mob indulging in arson in the area where curfew was imposed later. Except for another stray incident in Budhlada in Bhatinda Distinct where police fired in the air to disperse a violent crowd, no untoward incident has been reported from anywhere else in the state.

An official statement issued in Amritsar says that complete normalcy prevails all over the state except in a part of Amritsar. A report received a short while ago said that life is normal in Jullundur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and surrounding areas. Peace committees in Hoshiarpur, Ropar and Bahtinda have assured the authorities of their full cooperation in maintaining peace.

Leaders of different groups have appealed to the people of Punjab to maintain peace and communal harmony.

Situation 'Under Control'

BK271620 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Punjab Chief Minister Darbara Singh has congratulated the people of Punjab for maintaining communal harmony and peace despite grave provocation by some undesirable elements. Talking to All-India Radio's Chandigarh correspondent, the chief minister appreciated that the Amritsar incident has been condemned by leaders of all groups. He said the situation in the state in general, and in Amritsar in particular, is under control. Some antisocial elements have been rounded up in Amritsar as a preventive measure.

Darbara Singh said a request has been made to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee authorities not to allow culprits wanted by the police in specific criminal cases to seek shelter in religious places under their control.

TIBETAN DELEGATION LEAVES DELHI FOR BEIJING

BK280845 Hong Kong AFP in English 0824 GMT 28 Apr 82

[Excerpt] New Delhi, 28 Apr (AFP) -- A three-member delegation representing the Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal leader of the 6 million Tibetans, has left for Beijing to assess living conditions in Chinese-ruled Tibet and explore the prospects for a rapprochement between the Chinese and the Tibetan god king.

A spokesman for the Dalai Lama said the high-ranking delegation left last Saturday [24 April] for Beijing to "keep up the contacts with the Chinese leadership established in 1979". The contacts had been suspended since July 1980 following an unprecedented demonstration of support for the living Buddhist deity in Lhasa, Tibet's capital during a visit of a Tibetan delegation there.

The spokesman, Tashi Wongdi, said the delegation, comprising two members of the Dalai Lama's government-in-exile ("Kashag") -- Education Minister Juchen Thupten and Security Minister P.T. Takla -- as well as Lodi Gyari, the chairman of the Tibetan Parliament, would visit several areas of Tibet, including Lhasa, during their 2-week tour.

This is fourth Tibetan delegation to visit China since 1979 when the Dalai Lama and the Chinese reestablished contacts and agreed to explore prospects for a rapprochement.

'AZIZI, SOVIET CHARGE DISCUSS SINAI WITHDRAWAL

LD271248 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Text] Mr (Saulchenkov), the charge d'affaires of the USSR Embassy in Tehran, has met and conferred with Mr Ahmad 'Azizi, the deputy minister of foreign affairs. Various issues and recent developments were discussed.

The USSR charge d'affaires submitted a statement and elaborated on the stance adopted by his country with regard to the evacuation of the Sinai region [by Israeli forces] and their replacement by Western peace forces.

The deputy foreign minister said: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced its categorical opposition to this act, which is in effect a reoccupation of the Sinai Desert following the so-called withdrawal of Zionist forces. Iran has issued statements and met officials since the first stage of the move to station Western, so-called peace-keeping forces in the area. We believe that with the stationing of these forces, the evacuation of usurping Zionist forces from the occupied lands will never be realized and their occupation will continue under a different guise.

The fact that world-wide oppression and the Zionist regime have been forced to resort to such a guile in order to continue their domination is a sign of the speedy progress of the Islamic movement and development of revolutionary awareness among Arab and Muslim people and no doubt we will witness the results in the near future. It would be all too simple to ignore the importance of public opinion and revolutionary moves within the Egyptian nation, and to believe that the Zionist regime and the Americans have resorted to such a (?trick) in order to satisfy the mercenary regime of Husni Mubarak, since there is no difference between this regime and the Sadatist regime ruling over Egypt and, would readily tolerate peaceful coexistence with the Zionist regime, even in the heart of Cairo.

FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON SINAI WITHDRAWAL

LD271826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Statement issued by the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the showy evacuation of the Sinai and the replacement of soldiers of the occupying regime of Jerusalem by NATO forces, reactionary Arab regimes are making fresh efforts to bring back the usurping regime of Husni Mubarak to the Arab world. Everyone knows that there is no difference between the annihilated As-Sadat and Husni Mubarak, this murderer of young Egyptian Muslims and this continuer of Camp David's shameful plan. Everyone knows that the evacuation of the Sinai Desert not only has not terminated the occupation of the Islamic territories, but rather has brought Cairo under the domination of the usurping Zionist regime.

This domination is so strong that the Egyptian regime not only did not protest against all the crimes committed by Israel in Jerusalem and other Islamic lands, or against the savage Israeli raid on southern Lebanon, which resulted in the martyrdom and injury of Palestinian and Lebanese Muslims, rather it approved these Israeli crimes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran hereby announces that this last-ditch effort of the reactionary Arab regimes proves the claim that they have always supported the Camp David accord. Now, for the continuation of this treacherous path, these regimes intend to prepare the grounds to impose similar plans and drag Arab and Muslim forces into a compromise with Israel.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, together with Muslim masses and progressive Arab countries of the steadfastness front, condemns this plot and will strongly oppose it.

OIL SALES TALKS HELD WITH DPRK DELEGATION

LD271210 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Text] Following a meeting between North Korean Premier Yi Chong-ok and our oil minister, Gharazi, the two countries have begun talks on the sale of 5 million tons of oil.

Honardust, Oil Ministry under secretary and the Iranian chairman of the Iran-Korea oil talks, commenting on the deal, said to a Central News Unit correspondent: During a visit to Iran last month by the North Korean deputy oil minister, Korea purchased 1 million tons of oil from Iran. In the present round of talks, the sale of 5 million tons of oil to Korea, as well as financial and barter relations, is being discussed.

The two countries today continue wide-ranging economic talks. The talks are being held by industrial, mining, trade, agriculture, energy, and roads and construction committees at the under secretaries level.

COMMERCE MINISTER RECEIVES DPRK PREMIER

LD271646 Tehran IRNA in English 1602 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Text] Tehran, 27 Apr (IRNA) -- The Prime Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Mr Yi Chong-ok, currently in Iran heading a political mission, met and conferred today with the commerce minister, Habibollah 'Asgar-Owladi-Mosalman, and also with the foreign trade deputy of the same ministry. In this visit, 'Asgar-Owladi-Mosalman first stated that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the DPRK were two countries with two [word indistinct] revolutions, but united in struggling against imperialism. He added, therefore, Iran was interested in having friendly ties with those friendly countries and also was interested in meeting its requirements from those countries as well.

The DPRK prime minister, while confirming the Iranian commerce minister's statements, expressed his hope that in the course of this visit, bilateral possibilities for expanding commercial and economic relations would be better identified. At the end of the meeting both parties expressed the hope that those negotiations be reviewed in the pertinent committees, and a final agreement achieved.

KHAMENE'I ON AFGHANISTAN, PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

GF271051 Tehran International Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 26 Apr 82

[Text] In an interview with our correspondent on the war imposed on Iran, President Khamene'i said: We are confident that the future of the war will be in the favor of Iran and the Islamic revolution.

On the issue of resolving the Afghan problem, President Khamene'i said: It is the Muslim Afghan people who will determine their own fate. We reject the proposal that calls for tripartite talks among Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan to resolve this issue.

On the Islamic uprising by the Palestinian people, President Khamene'i said: Muslim peoples and governments which brag over their support for Palestine must fan this spark and states must employ their potentials in the service of this uprising.

The president called on Muslim Arab countries to use their economic potential, including the oil weapon, to pressure governments that are hostile to the Arabs and that support the Zionist entity -- the United States, France and Britain. He reiterated Iran's readiness to offer military aid to support the Islamic Palestinian revolution.

REVOLUTION GUARDS ISSUE MESSAGE ON AFGHANISTAN

LD271738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Text] The Public Relations Office of the Central Islamic Revolution Guards Corps issued a statement today on the anniversary of the coup d'etat in Afghanistan. Referring to the martyrdom of the Muslim forces and the brave people of Afghanistan who have irrigated the Islamic movement in their country with their own blood, the statement said that:

The brave and Muslim Iranian nation, while lending its complete support to the ideological and martyrdom-seeking movement of the Muslim nation of Afghanistan, believes that only through reliance upon beloved Islam and an armed jihad can they respond to the aggressive enemy, expel them from the Islamic country of Afghanistan and establish an Islamic government. Only the "Neither Eastern nor Western" movement which is based on Koranic and ideological values can liberate the deprived people throughout the world from their bondage and to bestow well-being upon them.

AFGHANS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST KABUL REGIME

LD271214 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, thousands of Muslim Afghans resident in Tehran paraded this morning to mark the anniversary of the establishment of a coup d'etat regime in Afghanistan. The marchers gathered at Imam Hoseyn Square.

Having gathered at Imam Hoseyn Square, the marchers read a resolution which condemned the coup d'etat regime and demanded the unconditional withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the Islamic country of Afghanistan. The resolution also stated: The Muslim Afghan nation demands the fulfillment of the Islamic mission by all Muslim countries with regard to the Afghan issue. The resolution also condemned the Saddam regime's aggression against Iran.

A Central News Unit report from the provinces says that similar marches were also staged in Zahedan, Esfahan, Yazd and Mashhad.

TEHRAN REPORTS ON FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN

Soviet Helicopter Downed

LD242012 Tehran IRNA in English 1920 GMT 24 Apr 82

[Text] Zahedan, 24 Apr (IRNA) -- The Afghan Muslim mujahidin fighting the Soviet backed Kabul regime last week downed one Soviet helicopter which was bombing the mujahidin's bases in an area in Herat Province, according to the office of the Afghan Muslim mujahidin in Zahedan, bordering Afghanistan.

The report further added that several Soviet helicopters kept mujahidin bases under fire for three hours, but the mujahidin suffered no losses. The pilots of the aircraft shot down died in the incident.

40 Civilians Killed

LD261144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 26 Apr 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that as a result of clashes between Muslim Afghan mujahidin and governmental and occupying Russian forces in (?Howz Sardast) and the security post of Haji 'Asgar in Herat Province, two tanks belonging to the aggressors were destroyed, one of the enemy soldiers was killed and three others were wounded.

Another report from Afghanistan indicates that the Muslim mujahidin attacked a military airport and killed 15 Russian soldiers.

The occupying Russian forces killed 40 civilians who resisted house-to-house search by soldiers in Jalalabad Province.

BAHRAINI REFUGEES ARRIVE IN HORMOZGAN

GF251000 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 12 Apr 82 p 2

[Text] The Bahraini Government, following Saddam's lead, has expelled about 60 oppressed of the shaykhdom in an inhuman way. These refugees arrived in Bandar-e Lengeh in three groups at the beginning of this year and have taken refuge in the arms of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

IRNA, citing officials of the Interior Ministry, reports that the expelled Bahrainis have been warmly welcomed by officials in Hormozgan Province.

It is noteworthy that the Al Khalifah regime's action comes at a time when the Iraqi Ba'thist regime has expelled more than 2,400 Muslims of that country in very poor condition to Iran.

TABAS OPERATION REVIEWED ON ANNIVERSARY

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] What happened on this day 2 years ago has joined the legends before which future generations will bow their heads. They will bow to a divine revolution which God fated to confront the strongest country in the world with miraculous determination. Westerners denied the miracle, but what they saw through their satellites that relayed live the transformation of the U.S. aircraft into ashes in the Tabas Desert made them reconsider their convictions and review their calculations in the face of the Islamic revolution.

Throughout a period of full 5 months, 82 U.S. officers were being trained by the best instructors in a region that is climatically and geographically similar to the Islamic Republic of Iran in (?Arizona). The primary aim of the training was to topple the Islamic Republic and then to rescue the U.S. hostages. In (?Arizona) the U.S. Government constructed a structure similar to the U.S. Embassy so that those implementing the operation would have more realistic experience. At the zero hour U.S. aircraft took off from airports in Cairo and Oman toward an airstrip in the Tabas Desert. On midnight on 25 April [1980] the aircraft landed at their designated positions.

At those pitch-black moments in the heart of the desert, which was empty of everything except Almighty God, in the White House Carter sounded the alarm signaling the beginning of the operation. As soon as the commando squad received the signal, a violent storm broke out which destroyed the engines of the aircraft whose debris was scattered across the arid desert. In the morning the sun shone above the debris scattered across a wide area of the arid desert -- all that was left of the abortive operation and of the $100 million allocated for it.

With this incident the world remembered the historic event that occurred in the year of the prophet's birth, the year of the elephant [570 A.D.]. The year of the elephant returned after 15 centuries aboard the giant U.S. aircraft which began their journey from the remotest part of the earth, to Cairo and Oman, and then to the Tabas Desert.

How the past repeats itself, and how similar are the U.S. aircraft that came to destroy the edifice is Islam to the elephants that came to destroy the Ka'bah, and how similar is Abraha [the leader of the Ethiopian Army that marched toward Mecca in 570 A.D.] to Carter, and how similar is the storm that God sent in the desert to the stones of baked clay carried by birds in flight! It is God's miracle that made the tyrants lose their senses, and -- according to Brzezinski in his new book published in London -- shocked and terrified Carter as though struck by a sharp knife. It is God's judgment on any hand that seeks to harm sanctities. This hand has been sentenced to be severed from the wrist. From that moment when the U.S. aircraft were destroyed, the world realized that Iran's Islamic revolution is predestined by God and cannot be harmed by any power on earth.

The Muslim people of Iran increased their faith in the nobility of this revolution and its close divine links and also sensed the divine hand that fosters this divine revolution and supplies it with divine strength. However, the enemies who have been blinded by their inherited hatred from seeing the facts persisted in their plots and did not learn from their successive setbacks. Following this abortive coup, imperialism carried out several other attempts, all of which failed abysmally.

Following the awful Tabas attempt, imperialism, with the assistance of the Baghdad regime, occupied the Iranian Embassy in London -- an occupation that ended well. Once again God caused the designs of the rancorous aggressors to boomerang. Imperialism embarked on this operation to divert attention away from the great propaganda advantage gained by the Islamic revolution after the Tabas operation. Saddam's regime was sorry for the failure of the Tabas operation and hastened the following day to occupy our embassy in London. It was a flagrant aggression against the Islamic Republic, an aggression that took place 5 months prior to the launching of Saddam's treacherous war against the Islamic Republic.

The chain of imperialist-Zionist-Saddamist plots did not stop at this. They did not learn their lessons from previous abortive operations. They persisted in their evil war against the Islamic Republic. Dismal failure was their lot. The latest -- and not the last -- such U.S.-style plot was imperialism's desperate attempt to topple the Islamic revolution by killing the leader of the nation's victorious march, the Imam Khomeyni. This time imperialism used instruments with a religious Islamic face like Shari'atmadari, Mahdavi and Qotbzadeh. The U.S. terrorist apparatus believes that the popular base in Iran belongs to the Islamic leadership and the Islamic revolution. Thus, relying on this belief, the U.S. apparatus engineered a subversive plot around which was drawn an Islamic halo. The United States used only those who have been expelled from the Islamic arena such as Shari'atmadari, who has been known to our people ever sence the Islamic revolution's triumph for his tendency to seize the leadership even if this should be at the expense of religion and beliefs.

The fate of this plot is the same as the fate of all the plots hatched and abetted by the White House: failure. This is because God wants the revolution to continue along its path and wants to sever any hand that seeks to harm it. This is because this revolution is supported by God, and all the powers on earth cannot topple it.

SAUDI REGIME IMPLICATED IN COUP ATTEMPT

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[Text] Some new facts have been revealed about the involvement of the Saudi regime in the recent coup attempt. Mr Abbasi, Mr Shari'atmadari's son-in-law, in a television interview, revealed some new facts concerning the recent coup plot.

Despite the (?denial) by Mr Mahdavi, one of the persons involved in the plot, in his television interview Mr Abbasi confessed that in a meeting attended by Shari'atmadari, Mahdavi, Manafeqi and himself, Mr Mahdavi submitted a report about his visit to Riyadh, the capital of the Saudi Kingdom.

Mr Abbasi, quoting remarks by Mr Mahdavi in that meeting, said that during his visit to Saudi Arabia, he [Mahdavi] had been warmly welcomed by Saudi officials and that he was most ceremoniously taken to meet Amir 'Abdallah, King Khalid's brother, who told him that Saudi Arabia was prepared to cooperate with the new regime. He also disclosed an agreement by the Saudi regime for Shari'atmadari to go to Saudi Arabia, provided he would undertake strong activities against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The text of this interview will be broadcast on television tonight.

AFP Report

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[Text] Tehran, 27 Apr (AFP) -- Saudi Arabia was ready to give political refuge to Iran's second-ranking spiritual leader, Ayatollah Shari'atmadari, his son-in-law said in a televised confession tonight.

The son-in-law, Ahmad Abbasi, was arrested last April 14, accused of taking part in a plot against the Iranian regime. In the telecast, he said one of the plotters went to Saudi Arabia and encountered a certain "Amir Abdallah" who, he said, was "one of King Khalid's brothers".

Mr Abbasi said the amir told the emissary, Hojjat ol-Eslam Mehdi Mahdavi, that "Iran distressed him" and it "was impossible to work with its authorities -- but that if a proper regime were set up, Saudi Arabia was ready to have relations with it."

The arrested hojjat ol-Eslam said he provided the link between Ayatollah Shari'atmadari and former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh, who was the first to be implicated in the plot (on April 10). But the hojjat ol-Eslam, in his televised confession on April 22, did not mention a trip to Saudi Arabia.

Mr Abbasi's confession never indicated that the Saudi dignitary was told by Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdavi that a plot was being prepared against Iran's Islamic Republic.

But Mr Abbasi said: Amir Abdallah stated that in case Ayatollah Shari'atmadari took refuge in Saudi Arabia, he had better make statements denouncing the Iranian regime."

The unnamed person interrogating Mr Abbasi interrupted him at this point to say: "Shari'atmadari wrote a letter to Iranian authorities requesting a visa for Saudi Arabia. That proves we had not ceased his plot and he counted on continuing it down there."

The son-in-law said the ayatollah "opposed certain aspects of the Islamic Republic. He favored an Iran without bloodshed, that is why he did not denounce the plotters to authorities."

The date Mr Abbasi's confession was filmed was not specified. He also said his father-in-law "did not know when the plot was to take place and who was to carry it out."

He is now under house arrest, according to the prosecutor of the revolutionary courts. He said Ayatollah Shari'atmadari's own statement will soon be shown on television.

SHARI'ATMADARI SUPPORTERS WARN OFFICIALS

NC280844 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Text] The clandestine Free Voice of Iran has reported that the Shari'at Front has issued a night letter warning that any of the state's mullahs or any other official who continues to insist on impudently attacking Ayatollah Seyyed Kazem Shari'atmadari will be condemned to death as far as the front is concerned. It should be noted that the Shari'at Front is made up of supporters of Ayatollah Shari'atmadari. The front announced its formation following the regime's savage attack on the source of imitation in a protest night letter distributed in Tehran, Mashhad, Qom and Tabriz.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 868

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[Communique 868 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The aggressive, though declining, enemy launched a desperate attack in the Kenareh Marivan region at 1000 on 25 April 1982, which was met with sharp reaction from our army's heroic combatants. The powerful artillery fire and the selfless combatants of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran crushed the Saddamist forces, halted their movements and inflicted heavy casualties and losses on them. The enemy killed or wounded were so many that evacuation of the dead and wounded lasted for many hours. During this engagement, five enemy RPG-7's and Kalashnikovs were captured and three Iraqi soldiers were taken prisoner by our forces.

Yesterday, exchange of artillery and heavy-weapon fire continued sporadically on most of the fronts in the western parts of the country. The intensity of this firing was greater in Meymak than on other fronts.

According to reports, our ground forces' selfless combatants on each of the western fronts, while silencing fire by Iraqi forces, destroyed several supply points and a number of personnel positions together with their servicemen. Observed enemy losses on the Sumar front were one 75-mm weapon and one ammunition dump.

On the Gilan-e Gharb front, thanks to artillery fire on enemy tank positions, a number of Saddamist tanks were set ablaze and destroyed.

Exchange of fire continued on the Ilam fronts between the Islamic Republic's Gendarmerie and the Iraqi forces. Losses suffered by the Saddamist forces on one of these fronts were 15 killed or wounded and the destruction of more than 5 bunkers.

During an exchange of fire on the Malekshahi front, enemy positions came under intense mortar fire from the gendarmerie combatants. As a result, a Saddamist ammunition dump was set ablaze and more than 30 enemy servicemen were either killed or wounded.

On the Abadan fronts, a number of enemy machinegun emplacements and trenches were destroyed. On the Baneh and Marivan fronts, exchange of fire continued between our forces and the enemy and, thanks to fire opened on the positions of the Saddamists in the Hargineh and Biarreh region, an enemy antiaircraft gun and several trenches were destroyed and the movement of enemy traffic was prevented.

Thanks to heavy-artillery fire opened by our ground forces on enemy artillery positions on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, while giving full support to the fire opened by the units of Islamic forces deployed in those regions, seven 130-mm artillery pieces of the Saddamists were destroyed. Other enemy losses on the Abadan front were: the destruction of four bunkers, one ammunition dump and one engineering vehicle.

Yesterday two Iraqi Muslim engineers gave themselves up and requested asylum from the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Yesterday a number of raiding aircraft of the aggressive Iraqi Army, intending to violate the airspace of several border towns in the war zones, were forced to flee thanks to fire opened by antiaircraft units of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

PROFESSOR KILLED IN QASHQA'I-GUARDS CLASH

NC271704 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 27 Apr 82

[Summary] "Reports have been received from Shiraz stating that university professor Dr Najafi was killed during an attack by Khomeyni's revolution guards on the Qashqa'i tribe.

"Dr Najafi, who was one of Tehran University's outstanding professors and a member of the Qashqa'i tribe, had returned to Fars Province following the commencement of the raid by Khomeyni's clique on the universities and the harassment of professors and students" so that he could join the ranks of his tribe.

Other reports have spoken of continued clashes between the tribes and revolution guards in various parts of Fars Province. A French newspaper has reported that the representative of the Friday imam of west Firuzabad was killed during clashes on Friday between revolution guards and the Qashqa'i tribe.

CLANDESTINE REPORTS ON CLASHES IN KORDESTAN

NC241755 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 24 Apr 82

[Text] Our correspondent has reported from Kordestan that during clashes between Rastegari peshmerga and Khomeyni's revolution guards in the (Keymand) region, the Rastegari peshmerga laid siege to one of the bases of Khomeyni's hireling and plundering revolution guards in the region.

The revolution guards, who retreated and suffered many deaths, left behind various types of arms and ammunition, including 17,000 G-3 bullets, 100 81-mm mortar shells, 80 60-mm mortar shells, 70 Israeli (Tampala) mortar shells, 5,000 rounds of ammunition for Kalashnikovs and 200 blankets.

KHUZESTAN DIRECTIVE ON EMPLOYEES' CONDUCT

GF271100 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 26 Apr 82

[Excerpts] The Khuzestan Education Department Commission for the Reconstruction of Manpower has issued a communique to elicit information regarding suitability of retired and in-service employees. The text of the communique follows:

In order to create an atmosphere conducive to the growth of Islamic culture and the training of innocent and dedicated people, the Khuzestan Education Department Commission for the Reconstruction of Manpower expects all dedicated and innocent brothers and sisters to provide information to the authorities regarding the social, political and moral behavior of retired and in-service employees in education and administration and their affiliation with minigroups or similar groups, listing legal or conditional reasons [as heard] to P.O. Box No 1054, Ahvaz, and thus to honor their links with the Islamic Repbulic.